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To the members of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris, on 11 May 2023

The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Paris, on 11 May 2023, from 10:00 to 11:45 am and from 14:00 to 16:30 pm, with Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Immigration, one of the answers to Europe's demographic aging** (*Rapporteur: Ms Kate Osamor, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a draft outline;
- **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Calais (France)**: constituted an ad hoc sub-committee to carry out the visit in question, subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly and approved its composition (see Appendix);
- **Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nigar Arpadarai, Azerbaijan, EC/DA*): considered a revised draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Lachin corridor** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Gavan, Ireland, UEL*): agreed to change the title of the report as follows: “Ensuring free and safe access through the Lachin Corridor” and decided to ask the Bureau to hold an urgent debate on this issue during the June 2023 part-session;
- **Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - a call to clarify their fate** (*Rapporteur: Mr Julian Pahlke, Germany, SOC*): had an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Tania Delabarde, Forensic anthropologist, Institute of Forensic Medicine, Paris, and Mr Syd Bolton, co-founder, Last Rights Project, United Kingdom;
- **Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile** (*Rapporteur: Mr Paul Galles, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **France: Call for the respect of fundamental rights in Mayotte in the framework of operation “Wuambushu”**: considered and unanimously adopted a declaration as amended;
- **Work programme:**
 - **Call for candidates for rapporteur**: called for candidates for report on “The use of explosive weapons as a major driver of justified displacement” and took note of Mr Domagoj Hajdukovic’s interest (Croatia, SOC);
- **Next meetings**: took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2023 of the Assembly (19-23 June);
 - Reykjavik (Iceland), 21-22 September 2023;
 - Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
 - Paris, 8 December 2023 (Council of Europe Office).

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cc: Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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Appendix

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

List of members of the Ad hoc Sub-Committee to carry out a fact-finding visit to Calais (France) (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau) (date – tbc)

Liste des membres de la Sous-commission ad hoc chargée d'effectuer une visite d'information à Calais (France) (sous réserve de l'autorisation du Bureau) (date - à confirmer)

1. Mr Jeremy CORBYN (United Kingdom, SOC)
2. Mr Emmanuel FERNANDES (France, UEL)
3. Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC)
4. Mr Paul GAVAN (Ireland, UEL)
5. Ms Arusyak JULHAKYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD)
6. Ms Stephanie KRISPER (Austria, ALDE)
7. Ms Kate OSAMOR (United Kingdom, SOC)
8. Ms Sandra ZAMPA (Italy, SOC).